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TO : IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE (WEST COAST)

ATTN: GENERAL HAIG

1. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS WERE PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL HAIG'S REQUEST TO MR. CARVER FOR AN ANALYSIS OF CURRENT ENEMY MOVEMENT PATTERNS IN THE DMZ AREA:

2. THE ENEMY THREAT TO THE NORTHERN I CORPS/DEMILITARIZED ZONE (DMZ) AREA HAS RISEN SIGNIFICANTLY IN RECENT WEEKS AS A RESULT OF THE MOVEMENT OF MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) 304TH AND 320TH DIVISIONS, AND THE FORMATION THIS SPRING OF A NEW COMMUNIST COMMAND AND CONTROL AUTHORITY -- GROUP 300.

3. UNTIL EARLY JUNE, THE PRINCIPAL THREAT IN THIS AREA CONSISTED OF SIX INFANTRY AND TWO ARTILLERY REGIMENTS, LOCATED IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE DMZ. THE UNITS INVOLVED NORTH OF THE DMZ INCLUDE THE 270TH REGIMENT, GROUP 31, 27B REGIMENT, 246TH REGIMENT, 84TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT,

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AND THE 38TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT NORTH OF THE DMZ. THE UNITS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI INCLUDE THE 66TH REGIMENT OF THE NVA 304TH DIVISION AND THE 812TH REGIMENT OF THE NVA 324B DIVISION.

4. NORTH OF THE DMZ, FRONT 5 APPEARS TO BE THE COMMAND AND CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR UNITS OPERATING THERE OR ENGAGED IN CROSS-DMZ ACTIVITIES. THE WESTERN QUANG TRI GROUPING NORMALLY WOULD BE UNDER CONTROL OF MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE (MRTTH), BUT SINCE MID-APRIL, WHAT APPEARS TO BE A NEW COMMAND AND CONTROL ENTITY -- GROUP 300 -- BEGAN TO EMERGE IN COMINT. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THIS IS A TACTICAL CONTROL ELEMENT SIMILAR TO BUT SMALLER THAN THE HANOI-SUBORDINATED THE SANH AREA FRONT WHICH CONTROLLED TACTICAL FORCES IN LATE 1967 AND EARLY 1968. THE APPEARANCE OF GROUP 300, ALONG WITH THE APPARENT REINFORCEMENT OF NVA ELEMENTS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, IS ALMOST CERTAINLY A HARBINGER OF INCREASED TACTICAL ACTIVITY IN THIS REGION.

5. SINCE EARLY JUNE, IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THREE NORTH VIETNAMESE REGIMENTS HAVE DEPLOYED SOUTHWARD, APPARENTLY HEADED FOR THE NORTHERN I CORPS AREA.

6. BOTH HEADQUARTERS OF THE 9TH AND 24B REGIMENTS, 304TH DIVISION, HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN LAOS NEAR THE QUANG TRI BORDER. A FORWARD ELEMENT OF THE 9TH REGIMENT IS CURRENTLY LOCATED NORTHWEST

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OP KHE SAKE, PREPARING THE MOVEMENT OF THE ENTIRE REGIMENT TO WESTERN QUANG TRI, PROBABLY TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE 243.

7. TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 64TH REGIMENT, 320TH DIVISION, ALSO HAVE BEEN DETECTED ASTRIDE THE LAOS-QUANG TRI BORDER AND IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT THE ENTIRE REGIMENT IS NOT FAR BEHIND. THE 64TH REGIMENT MAY HAVE ITS AREA OF OPERATIONS IN THE LAO PANHANDLE TO DETER ARVN FROM CAMBODIAN-LIKE INCURSIONS INTO THE SOUTHERN LAOS BASE AREAS/ INFILTRATION CORRIDOR. SUCH A MOVE ON THE PART OF ARVN HAS BEEN FEARED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. IN ANY EVENT, THE MOVEMENT OF THESE THREE REGIMENTS INCREASES THE ENEMY MAIN FORCE CAPABILITY IN THE NORTHERN I CORPS/DMZ AREA BY OVER ONE-THIRD.

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